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 JT, Feb. 4 (R). — North Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co-thach had a meeting today with Kuwaiti leaders including Emir, Sheikh Sabah Al-Salim Al-Sabah, to discuss securing large-scale funds for his country's economic reconstruction.
 Foreign Minister later met executives of Kuwaiti investment companies who told him they were prepared to finance Vietnamese projects on economic reconstruction, informed sources said.

Aden refuses extradition call
 BONN, Feb. 4, (R). — South Yemen has told West Germany it cannot extradite the five convicted urban guerillas exchanged for the safe release 11 months ago of kidnapped West Berlin politician Peter Lorenz, an official government spokesman said here today.
 A South Yemeni government official had told the German Ambassador in Aden he was unable to confirm the presence of the five in the country but added that even if they were there, their extradition was impossible.

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 GUATEMALA CITY, Feb. 4. — More than 1,000 people were killed in a series of earthquakes here, on the Pacific coast. A third of this city's population is reported to have been killed. The local meteorological bureau said the quakes were centred (35 miles) south east of here, on the Pacific coast.
 Electricity failed and communications with the outside world were disturbed.
 Defense Minister General Romeo Lucas chaired a meeting of the national emergency committee this morning to coordinate rescue work.
 The population, fearful of more quakes, took to the streets, which were blocked by fallen buildings, stayed there all day. Reports said the earthquakes also caused serious damage around the capital, but no details were available.



H.M. King Hussein is shown as he welcomed Jordanian Parliamentarians Wednesday before his talk.

King Hussein issues 3 decrees related to Parliament
 AMMAN. — Three royal decrees related to Parliament were issued Wednesday and covered the following:
 1. A call to Parliament to convene in an extraordinary session Thursday to amend article 73 of the constitution.
 2. Acceptance of the resignation of Senator Kamel Ureikat from the Upper House of Parliament to enable him to to exercise parliamentary duties in the Lower House.
 3. Approval of the Council of Ministers' decision to postpone parliamentary elections. The Council, presided over by Premier Zeid Rifai, held an extraordinary session Tuesday.

Arab, OAU figures persist in Sahara mediation moves

RABAT, Feb. 4 (Agencies). — Referring to Algerian military incursions into territory controlled by Morocco, the paper said: "It is purely and simply a case of aggression, of which we are the victims, and so there can be no compromise, no concession, because one can bargain about, or concede territory, much less award prizes for aggression."
 The paper added: "If good offices are to intervene they should not go to Rabat but Algiers, because for our part we have taken nothing and have nothing to give up."
 Algeria remained silent on an Egyptian initiative for the Algerian and Moroccan foreign ministers to visit Cairo for talks leading to an eventual settlement of the dispute.
 The Egyptian proposal, reported by the Middle East News Agency (MENA), has not been published in the Algerian press and there has been no indication so far in Algiers of the outcome of the visits of Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak.
 The Algerian News Agency reported that the Vice President left last night but did not say where he was going. He has also had three meetings with King Hassan, but these meetings in Morocco have not been reported in Algeria.
 Algeria insists that the people of the Western Sahara must be allowed to decide their own future and backs the Polisario Front as the "sole legitimate representative of the Saharan people."
 Meanwhile, Mr. William Eteki-Mboumoua, Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), arrived in Cairo for talks with Arab League and Egyptian officials on the Western Sahara dispute.
 He has proposed, in a message to Mr. Mahmoud Riad, the League Secretary General, the formation of a joint OAU-Arab League commission to mediate in the dispute.
 The two men will reportedly also discuss future Afro-Arab cooperation and fix a date for an Afro-Arab foreign ministers conference, which is to elaborate the Algerian News Agency.

Bank statement boosts Lebanese confidence

BEIRUT, Feb. 4 (Agencies). — Lebanon's 74 accredited banks, bedrock of the country's weakened economy, announced today that they would reopen for business on February 12 after being closed for more than two months.
 The morale-boosting move came on the 13th day of a ceasefire which has proved generally successful, giving Lebanese some reason to hope that the 10-month civil war is finally over.
 The Bankers' Association, which represents foreign as well as locally-owned banks in Lebanon, expressed confidence that if peace continued Lebanon could swiftly make good its war losses.
 These, according to one unofficial but authoritative estimate, amount to at least 11,000 million Lebanese pounds (over 2,000 million sterling).
 Meanwhile, the Lebanese cabinet met to prepare for a long-awaited visit by President Sleiman Franjeh to Syria.
 The government also decided today to set up regional bodies to handle the collection and distribution of aid to victims of the civil war, and to form a committee of civil engineers to supervise reconstruction work in the country.
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the ceasefire reported the country was calm today. There was no major reaction to scattered incidents north of Beirut yesterday, in which six people died.
 The state-run Beirut Radio said a few "flying roadblocks" — used by armed gangs to kidnap people — in the area of Tripoli, the northern port city, were being dealt with by authorities.
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New EOK Cyprus?
 NICOSIA, Feb. 4. — Cypriot military officials could not handle the island's number of injured, and emergency services were set up. A mysterious fire was hit by about several national measuring 7.2 on the Greek scale, raging at the end of the island.
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 FAMAGUSTA, Feb. 4 (Agencies). — The Anglo-French Concorde given the green light to begin six flights a day to the United States for a 16-month period — but court delay the service months.
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Afars & Issas rescue has international repercussions

DJIBOUTI, Feb. 4 (Agencies). — French and Somali forces clashed today when Foreign Legionnaires stormed a bus and rescued 29 French schoolchildren held by separatist gunmen on the Djibouti-Somalia frontier.
 All six Somali-based guerillas — who had threatened to slit the throats of the children — were shot dead. A four-year-old girl also died and five children were wounded, two seriously.
 Sources in Djibouti, capital of the Red Sea enclave, said one Somali soldier was killed in the incident, which a French government minister in Paris described as "very serious."
 The minister said Somali troops massed on their side of the frontier had fired on the French forces.
 Following the incident, France today called for "an extremely urgent" meeting of the United Nations Security Council.
 Announcing the French call for a Security Council meeting, in Paris tonight, the French Foreign Ministry also said it was recalling its ambassador in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, for consultations.
 Earlier in Paris, the Secretary of State for French Overseas Territories, Mr. Olivier Stirn, said a "massive and threatening arrival" of Somali forces on the frontier convinced French civil and military authorities that the lives of the children held in the school-bus were "being increasingly threatened."
 The French authorities, chilled by guerilla warnings that



PUBLICITY SHY MERCENARIES. — Two of the 100 Angolan-bound mercenaries who were briefly detained for questioning by London police are seen as they leave the police station.

London police detain Angola-bound mercenaries

LONDON, Feb. 4, (AFP). — said some 4,000 to 5,000 troops were patrolling "the whole area bound for Angola were detained briefly by police here last night after a morning newspaper claimed that they would be issued with arms at a railway station.
 Police entered buses parked near the station marked "St. George's Club" and searched the men, mostly aged about 20 and carrying just one suitcase.
 A police spokesman said: "No weapons were found. All the men were in possession of passports. Where they went after their release we don't know."
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Flame ceremony opens Innsbruck Winter Olympics

INNSBRUCK, Feb. 4, (Agencies). — Olympic flames flared in twin braziers above the athletes gathered for the opening of the 12th winter games.
 The Austrian delegation took the lead during a ceremony in the Ski-Jump Stadium, spectacularly above the town.
 The stadium towered over the snow-capped Alps where the events begin tomorrow.
 President Rudolf Raab's formal words were spoken under a sky with the temperature below freezing.
 Two flames were lit by Austrian and German athletes who won gold medals in the Innsbruck Olympics in the bobsled and women's downhill.
 While four Austrian mountain hunters hoisted the Olympic flag on the slope facing the Berg Isel Stadium, a delegation from Sapporo, Japan, marched in with the flag of the 1972 games, borne by Olympic champion Yukio Kasaya.
 The ceremony ended with a traditional "cradle dance" performed by five groups in regional Austrian costumes, the Tyrolean anthem and the ceremonial exit of the athletes.
 FLAME BEARERS. — Austrian gold medalists Josef Feistmantel (left) and Christl Haas light Olympic flames at opening ceremony of 12th Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck.

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Politics of confrontation

A deceptive news story came out of Paris a few days ago after a two-day meeting of the governing board of the International Energy Agency (IEA). The 18 industrial states who are members of IEA (France is only an associate member) reportedly reached agreement on a "long-term cooperation programme" designed to reduce their dependence on imported oil.

The IEA is not a viable body, and it is worth little more than the paper its principles are written on. The IEA grew out of the "energy crisis" that followed the sharp oil price increases in late 1973. It was the work of Henry Kissinger, who quickly appreciated the power of the oil-producing Arab states as related to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Kissinger knew very well that all his diplomatic activity and designs in the Middle East could be wiped out by decisive action on the part of the oil producers, and these states showed that they could act decisively during the October 1973 war.

As part of the Kissinger-inspired tactics of confrontation, he had to either overpower the oil states, or neutralise their weapon.

He knew that he could do neither, but persisted in his make-believe movements to bring about a sense of cohesion and power among the major oil consumers in the non-Communist industrial world. So he pushed ahead and convinced his western colleagues that the IEA would be able to stand up to OPEC, and the IEA came into being in late 1974. It was then, and remains today, a paper tiger.

Now we are told that the IEA is moving ahead with its plans to cut the western world's dependence on OPEC oil, which should be read as Arab oil. The facts are otherwise. A quick look at import and consumption figures in the western world shows that the opposite is happening. The figures for 1975 are deceptive because of the international economic slowdown and the mild winter. In the U.S., especially, it is crystal clear, even to blind men and secretaries of state, that the western world has no real alternatives of OPEC oil for at least another 15 to 20 years. There has been no effective action taken to harness the world's vast sources of non-oil energy, especially American coal reserves. For reasons of technology and economics, there is no viable alternative to OPEC oil, and no chance that the IEA member states can significantly reduce their dependence on OPEC oil in the short run.

If the IEA states are pleased to go on making believe that their organisation is an effective counterforce to OPEC, and that it will be able to withstand the effects of any future Arab oil embargo if such an embargo were instituted again, they are free to bask in the deceptive comforts of their own phantasy world. From this corner of the globe, however, one suggests that the major oil importers should worry less about lessening their dependence on foreign oil, and work harder to turn their dependence into the effective bond that comes from true international economic cooperation. If IEA would turn in this direction, it would be better for everybody.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

What is needed is not unified action but a unified vision among the Arabs so the will of struggle and confrontation will not be dissipated or diverted from its path. Al-Ra'i said on Wednesday.

The paper called for greater Arab co-ordination so that the will struggle against the Zionist enemy would not be weakened as in the case of Lebanon or the Maghreb.

Only a miracle saved Lebanon from collapsing, which would have been a disaster for all the Arab countries and the Area as a whole, Al-Ra'i said.

The paper said it is hoped that the conflict between Morocco and Algeria will end in such a way as to promote the Arab struggle.

When the Lebanese and Saharan conflicts end the Arabs can undertake unified Arab action which will outline the course for the future Arab generation so that it may live up to its responsibility.

Ad Dustour yesterday said the torch of hope for our brothers in the occupied territories will not be put out no matter what the case might be.

The suspension of the Parliamentary elections by the cabinet and the meeting which will be held today at the Royal Hashemite court is a reflection of that hope the paper said.

The decision is not meant to override the resolutions of the Rabat summit conference but is another way of a guaranteeing the legitimate rights of our people in the occupied territories. The decision was taken in view of the highest Arab national considerations, the paper said.

No doubt His Majesty King Hussein will outline the situation very vividly to citizens on both banks of the Jordan and no doubt the Arab nation will stand firmly behind every step taken to preserve the steadfastness of the citizens of the occupied Arab territories, the paper concluded.

King Hussein receives message from Daddah

AMMAN. — The Mauritanian Minister of State for Human Resources and Islamic Affairs, Mr Abdullah Ould Bayyeh, who is heading his country's delegation now visiting Jordan, Wednesday handed His Majesty King Hussein a message from the Mauritanian President, Mukhtar Ould Daddah, during an audience at the Royal Hashemite Court.

The Mauritanian delegation Wednesday visited Jordan University, the Shar'a Institute and Al-Hussein Medical City.

Basma opens Ma'an care centre

Her Highness Princess Basma Wednesday inaugurated a new centre for the Jordanian Children Welfare Society in Ma'an. The princess visited different children's societies in the Ma'an district and neighbouring villages where she was briefed on the services provided by the societies. Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Mr. Sami Ayoub and other officials accompanied the princess in her tour.



PRINCESS AND THE KIDS. — Princess Basma (centre left) brightens up the opening of the Ma'an childcare centre.

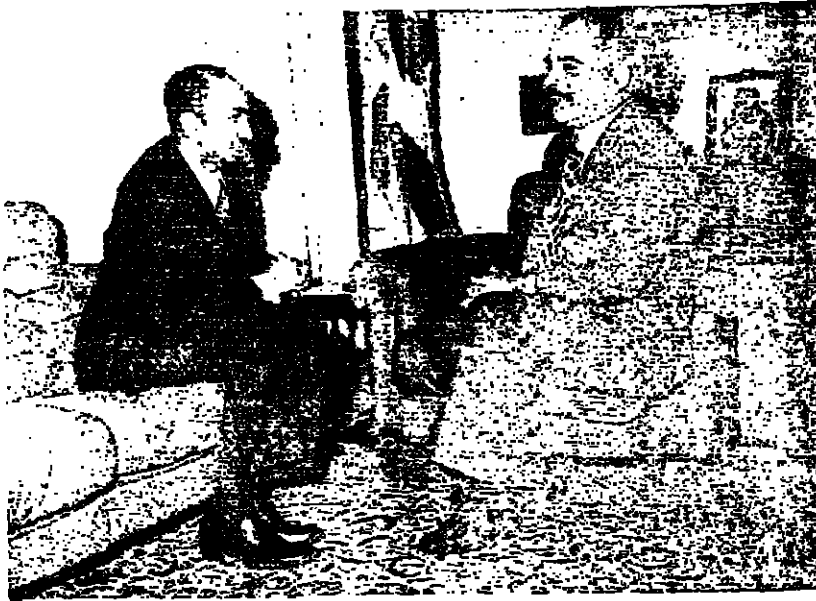
Vocational fund to be raised

A vocational and craftsmanship training fund will be raised by the industrial, construction, commercial, financial and services institutions in Jordan which employ more than 20 full-time labourers. The fund will be financed at the rate of 5 per cent of annual wages and salaries.

The Amman Chamber of Industry will also contribute to the fund which will be used to set up and uphold vocational and craftsmanship training centres.

Syrian delegates tour Youth City

The Syrian public security delegation which is on an official visit to Jordan Wednesday visited Al Hussein Youth City.



His Majesty King Hussein is pictured meeting with the Mauritanian envoy.

New law to stop antiquities trade

AMMAN. — The new antiquities law will come into force as soon as a royal decree is issued on the subject, the Director General of the Department of Antiquities, Ya'qub Oueis, announced today.

Article 25 of the law stipulates that trading in antiquities is to be abolished. The Department of Antiquities has requested the four antiquity dealers in Jordan to submit a list of all precious articles in their possession, prior to the enforcement of the law.

In addition all Jordanian citizens possessing antiquities will have to register their possessions with the Department of Antiquities.

Article 26 stipulates that the Department of Antiquities will purchase some or all items of antiquity from its owner after agreement on the price with the minister. If agreement is not reached, the price will be estimated by two experts: one appointed by the Antiquities Department and the other by the owner himself; and if the two experts still disagree a third one will be appointed to break the tie.

Article 27 stipulates that any person found excavating for antiquities without a licence, or trading in antiquities, will serve a one to three year prison term and pay a two-hundred dinar fine.

Tourist talks begin between Syria and Jordan

AMMAN. — Mr Ghaleb Barakat, Minister of Tourism and Antiquities discussed Wednesday with Mr Burhan Qassab Hassan Farhan, Syrian Under-Secretary of Tourism, some of the implemented resolutions on the issuance of periodic touristic publications and a Jordanian Syrian tourist map. Talks also covered steps achieved in bringing to life the Syrian Jordanian Transport Company.

Mr Qassab had arrived here on Thursday for a four day visit to Jordan to hold talks with Ministry of Tourism officials.

U. of J. and D.U. to sign agreement

An educational agreement between the University of Jordan and Damascus University will be signed here Monday. A Syrian delegation Damascus University will arrive here for a week long visit to Jordan.

Envoy lauds good relations with Romania

AMMAN. — Jordanian-Romanian relations on all economic and cultural levels are excellent, and constantly developing. Mr. Khasawneh, Jordan's Ambassador to Romania, said on his arrival in Amman from Bucharest Wednesday.

He said the recent visit to Jordan of the Romanian President's special envoy was a step forward to furthering cooperation between Jordan and Romania. The Romanian delegate returned home highly impressed following talks with His Majesty King Hussein.

His Majesty King Hussein, His Crown Prince Hassan and Minister Zeid Rifai met Mr. Khasawneh, who is the non-resident ambassador to Romania, paid the two countries' star Palestine issue. He said relations from Romania: choslovakia will visit this year to discuss the situation of their countries with Jordan.

U.S. aid memorandum signed in Amman

AMMAN, (JNA). — The memorandum for the second U.S. aid allocations to Jordan's general budget was signed Wednesday at the Planning Council.

The exchange of the lion grant memorandum place between President National Planning Council Hanna Oudeh, and the Ambassador in Amman.

Airport expansion contract signed

AMMAN. — A JI contract to expand and modernize Amman Airport lounge was signed Wednesday. The contract awarded to an unidentified firm by the Ministry of Transport.

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6. Assistant lines controller

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The Telecommunications Corporation is prepared to provide training to successful applicants at its training centre. Beneficiaries of the training programme will be expected to sign a contract with the Telecommunications Corporation subject to the current rules and regulations. Graduates of the training programme who are well versed in English will have opportunity to be sent on training courses abroad.

Applicants with prior experience in the fields are requested to submit certificates of experience with their applications and do not have to satisfy any of the above educational requirements. They however, be expected to furnish proof of their competence in practical and field tests. Salaries will be determined by the capabilities of the applicants.

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— General Manager



A British Airways delegation arrived in Jordan this week for talks with AIA. British Airways commences flights to Amman on 21st February and will have a once weekly flight non-stop to London on Mondays, until the 1st of April when the frequency will be increased to two a week.

Picture shows Jim Harris, Asst. General Manager; Rod Hoare, Manager for Lebanon, Syria and Jordan; and Allan Delier, all of British Airways.

Call for 3rd World economic solidarity

MANILA, Feb. 4 (AFP). — The Indian Commerce Minister P. Chattopadhyaya said today developing countries should abandon "short-term considerations of narrow gains" if they hoped to achieve international economic order for all.

The Indian delegation leader spoke at the third day plenary session of the "group of 77" ministers meeting which is drawing up a common Third World position for next May's Nairobi negotiations with the industrialized countries within UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development).

Mr. Chattopadhyaya said success of the UNCTAD negotiations would depend on how solidly the developing countries could harmonise their respective positions.

"It will be idle to expect significant responses from the developed world if we get bogged down in short-term considerations of narrow gains for some and lose the true perspective of long-term requirements of mutual benefits for all on an enduring basis, he said.

The minister said that instead of preferring "short-term profitability" in the markets of developed countries, Third World

nations should give highest priority to pooling their tremendous resources.

He warned that unless the economies of the poor countries were improved, "the situation may soon turn into an intractable crisis."

Mr. Chattopadhyaya said it

was important to ensure that the world production structures and trade flows were re-ordered on a rational basis to redress the "injustices of the past."

"This is the basic requirements of the new international economic order," he said.

1975 company profits raise hopes of U.S. economic recovery

NEW YORK, Feb. 4, (AFP). — American company profits rose only marginally as a whole last year, but there were some sharp increases in the final quarter.

These conclusions are based on results announced so far, and they coincide with a general sentiment in the business community that the improvement will continue during 1976.

A survey by the Wall Street journal covering 406 firms shows that the 1975 final quarter profit was only 4.4 per cent up on the equivalent figure for 1974.

But the department of commerce estimates that final quarter pre-tax profits were 49 per cent above those in the third quarter.

The brighter picture as the year drew to a close is attri-

buted to better productivity and a big rise in industrial output. Government experts believe companies will continue showing improved profits as output rises, production costs per unit decline, and inflation eases.

For the first quarter of this year the department of commerce would not be surprised to see profits up 60 per cent on a year ago, when results were particularly depressed.

But private economists are more cautious, forecasting something between 10 and 33 per cent.

The recovery has been specially note worthy in the motor sector, with General Motors announcing final quarter profits up 22 per cent. Other auto groups are thought likely to report improvements, if only because results were so poor a year earlier.

However, in some other sectors the picture remains clouded. This is specially true of steel, where U.S. Steel reports a 34 per cent drop in the final quarter last year, Bethlehem Steel 38 per cent, Republic Steel 83 per cent and National Steel 65 per cent.

The steel industry says nevertheless that the beginnings of an upturn is now being experienced.

Oil groups had disappointing profits last year, and some in the final quarter, too.

This decline is due to the end of profits on stocks which were high in 1974. Increased taxes and a drop in consumption are other reasons for the fall.

But, in the oil sector also, the beginnings of an upturn are detected.

Prospects remain grim meanwhile for certain metal branches like aluminium, lead, copper and zinc, as well as for airlines who forecast a very slow recovery.

Banks are also none too hopeful, and they are continuing to build up large reserves in order to cope with the high level of bad debts arising from loan operations.



TREMENDOUS TRAIN. — Pictured here is the ultimate in railway technology: British Rail's Advanced Passenger Train. APT can travel on existing track at speeds up to (250 km/h), cutting the journey time on a 640 km. haul from five hours to four.

London reports increase in foreign exchange reserves

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AFP). — Britain increased its foreign exchange reserves by a massive \$1.3 billion last month, mainly through borrowing, the treasury said in its monthly report today.

Reserves totalled, \$6.8 billion by the end of Jan.

The inflow was largely accounted for by a drawing of \$1.2 billion on the International Monetary Fund's oil facility.

In addition, loans totalling \$167 million were raised on the international financial market.

However, treasury figures showed that even without these operations, a net increase of \$15 million was recorded last month.

This was considered here as

satisfactory against the background of a disturbing drain on the country's reserves during the second half of last year.

The general trend has improved in recent weeks.

Britain recorded a clear strengthening of its trade position in Dec. The trade deficit was then halved.

And hot money has begun to flow back into London.

City sources said the reason was in part the better outlook of the British economy.

But the renewed inflow was also due to more attractive interest rates.

British rates have remained substantially higher than in most other countries especially the United States.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed mixed Wednesday after a quiet session and at 15:00 hrs the F.T. Index was up 3.8 to 413.3.

Government bonds were mixed in two way interest, dealers said. Long dated loans showed occasional falls of 1/8 while shorts firmed up to 1/4 on hopes of a reduction in the Bank of England minimum lending rate on Friday.

Equities were generally higher helped by a survey on U.K. industrial trends by the Confederation of British Industry.

Gold shares weakened with the bullion price. Dollar stocks were little changed. Australians were quietly mixed.

Leading industrials averaged rises of 2p to 5p but Unilever was 8p up at 458 after 462 on demand ahead of results due next month. Bats was 9p higher helped by press comment on its results announced Tuesday.

Oils gained between a penny and 3p while banks lost 2p to 5p. Insurances were narrowly mixed and properties edged higher.

Abu Dhabi sets up investment authority

ABU DHABI, Feb. 3 (R). — The government of Abu Dhabi has approved the creation of an Abu Dhabi investment authority to handle all the Gulf State's surplus revenues, the government newspaper Al-Itihad said here today.

The authority would replace the London-based Abu Dhabi investment board which has already been disbanded.

It will have a governing board of members which would chose a four-member executive committee from among these.

The authority would take over Abu Dhabi's foreign investment reserves of \$2,000 million as well as any new funds allocated for investment which might average some \$1 billion a year over the next few years, observers said.

Japan undertakes to build floating LNG plants

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (AFP). — Kawasaki heavy industries, ranking sixth among Japanese shipbuilders, has undertaken to develop liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant ships for Norway's Gothas Larsen shipping company.

The idea is to provide large barges on which LNG plants are mounted and to process LNG at sea instead of building such plants on land.

This will help to solve the problems of the shipbuilding depression and also difficulties in obtaining suitable land for LNG plants.

Gothas Larsen has a fleet of 54 vessels totalling 4 million deadweight tons for carrying crude oil, refined petroleum products and ores and this year has branched out to the field of LNG transport. For this purpose it has placed orders with Kawasaki and West German shipyards for the world's largest LNG carriers.

The company has commissioned Kawasaki to develop LNG by lending or selling such barges to the major international oil corporations.

Oil majors themselves are deeply interested in such barges, since they dispense with processing of natural gas by building plants in the undeveloped interior and conveying dehydrated gas to the coast by pipeline—an extremely costly business. They also eliminate the trouble of recruiting labour in the interior.

Kawasaki can build boilers, turbines and compressors, but has no experience of making

U.S. eases liquidity

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AFP). — The Federal Reserve Board has widened the limits for the 1976 rise in liquidity.

Board President Arthur Burns said they sought an increase of between 4.5 and 7.5 per cent as against a previous range of five to 7.5 per cent.

The liquidity concerned relates to ready cash and ordinary bank accounts only.

During the final quarter of last year liquidity rose at an annual rate of 5.7 per cent. This had been sufficient to allow a satisfactory growth in the U.S. economy, Mr. Burns said.

But he noted that the number of transactions carried out in cash was kept down by the increased use of credit cards.

Mr. Burns was replying to congressional demands for a looser credit policy by the Federal Reserve Board, so that a boost could be given to the economic recovery.

Exxon threatens control British

LONDON, Feb. 3 (R). British government's for majority state par in North Sea Oil dev suffered a set-back to the head of Exxon, the biggest oil company, opposition public.

Mr. Clifton C. Gorman of Exxon told students of leading British papers in an interview today: "When the ment said participating luntary, we took the word. We are not ing."

However, Exxon red to accept some participation in new licemnts.

Government officials sed displeasure at Mr remarks made during London visit as part of Exxon's European ries.

One official commxon must know that are doing is the sam other government in namely just protectin interests."

ECONOMY BRIEF

● NEW DELHI. — T ment has decided the outlay for oil in India by nearly during the financial in April, info ces said today.

● DUESSELDORF. viet Union has order plete cold steel r from the German firmann Siemens and group, the company announced here today tract is estimated at million.

● KUWAIT. — Ma to receive an easy-t of 3.5 million sterling an agreement signed night. The loan is to over 20 years after grace period at 1.5 p. terest and would fins to expand the Atlan Nouadhibou.

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Preserving the Palestinian nation's culture

Susan Greenfield
to the Jordan Times
years ago, Bethlehem
Mrs Wedad Kawar be-
ware of the danger of
vital part of Palestini-
ture, the traditional cr-

over three hundred dresses of
priceless value.
An Arab proverb says, "Emb-
roidery signifies a lack of
work", and there are two dis-
tinct justifications of this and
the proliferation of embroidery

that women had a certain am-
ount of leisure time.

From the age of 12 to 13,
young girls began to embroider
for their wedding day, copying
their mother's or their friends'
designs by counting the stit-
ches, rather than tracing a pat-
tern.

Just by looking at a dress,
Mrs Kawar can tell what vil-
lage it probably came from
and its approximate age.

The names of the patterns
have a poetry of their own,
"ain el-haggar" or eye of the
cow, and "tariq el-masr" or the
road to Egypt.

Most Southern Palestinian
embroidery is in cross stitch
in geometrical motifs, whereas
Bethlehem is noted for the
other distinct form called co-
uching, using gilt, silver and
silk threads in flowing curv-
ing lines. Known as "tahiri,"
this Bethlehem embroidery was
sought after all over the coun-
try for wedding dresses and
sometimes, just the embroidered
panels were bought and
sewn onto cheaper materials.

Mrs Kawar's collection in-
cludes not only a breath-tak-
ing array of embroidered wed-
ding dresses, but the accessories
too; headdresses with bride-
wealth coins sewn on in differ-
ent ways according to the re-
gion; cosmetic bags embroide-
red or coincovered with three
little bottles for khol, perfume
and scented oil; the bride's gifts
to the bridegroom of an em-
broidered handkerchief and to-
bacco pouch; and a superb co-

lection of antique silver jew-
ellery.

Mrs Kawar's bead neckla-
ces are fascinating too, as the-
to the bridegroom of an em-
ones, old Roman and Vene-
tian glass and the popular am-
ber which was thought to be
lucky, good for the liver and
brought good health and pro-
sperity.

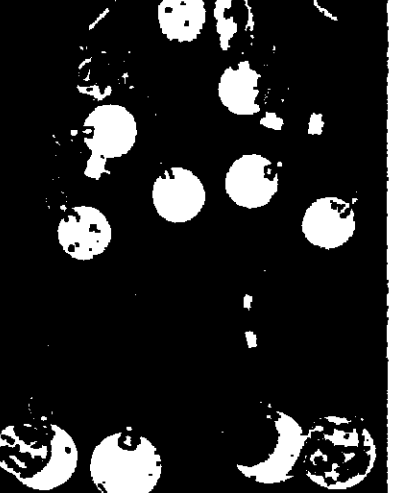
Each bead has a significance
and their probable source was
the ancient ruins and tombs of
Roman times. Linked in the
necklaces with Turkish and An-
strian silver and Venetian
glass, they provide a tangible
history of Palestine's trade with
other lands through the
ages.

The increase in communica-

tions, the influence of mis-
sionary societies and the import-
ing of books and magazines co-
mbined to bring about a great
change in pattern and design,
and by the 1930s, regional dif-
ferences became undefined. Ma-
terials were no longer hand-
woven linen, home-dyed with
home-dyed embroidery silks;
the sewing machine and im-
ported threads and fabrics had
arrived, bringing about the end
of traditional Palestinian em-
broidery.

In her search to preserve
the past, Mrs Wedad Kawar
soon realized she needed more
information and assistance in
the race against time, where
village cultures were being

lost and the new refugee camp
culture was emerging.



A mid-19th century bridal neck-
lace which includes Roman
beads and pieces of agate and
fossil.

(Continued in
tomorrow's paper).



Mrs. Kawar's daughter Reema, wearing a dress from Ramallah,
a town near Jerusalem. The dress is of hand-loomed linen with
home-dyed embroidery threads, with the distinctive pointed
sleeves.

Tonight's TV Features

SPECIAL

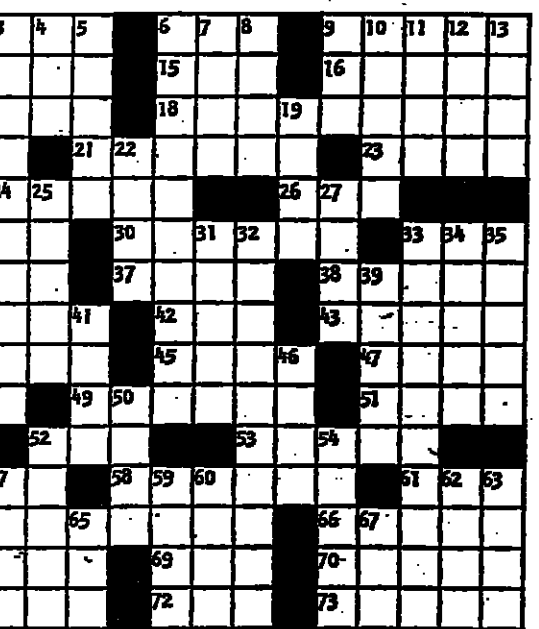
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 "Williams"
6 Down's tag-along
9 French city noted for ruins
14 Prospero's servant
15 Confidante
16 Mythical monster
17 Trimming tape
18 Theatre
20 Deer lady
21 "And, like a scurvy
politician — see the
things": 2 wds.
23 Lack
24 Kind of boy
26 Miss Medford
28 Ceylon ape
30 Bridal
33 Nebuchadnezzar's country;
Abbr.
36 Swan genus
37 Hartbeest
38 Lily
40 Artificial blush
42 Egypt; Abbr.

DOWN
1 Algerian tax collector
2 Pisa's river
3 — affre: 3 wds.
4 Elver
5 Sanctified
6 Where Welcker and Baker
ply their trade: 2 wds.
7 Cross one's — (grease)
8 Wood strip
9 Certain degree
10 Satire
11 Pout
12 Other
13 Arctic gear
19 Garment detail
22 Orient
25 At — (in general)
27 Circle parts
28 Simple Simon, for one
29 Independently
31 Praying posture
32 Stock rooms
33 Dickens work: 2 wds.
34 Cottonwood tree
35 Half of a West German son

39 Where the cast-offs are,
sometimes
41 Feminine ending
46 Teuts.
50 State: Fr.
52 Does a bookkeeping job
54 Patronage
55 Attention getter
56 Pother: 2 wds.
57 — Woods
65 Compass reading
69 Stupor
60 Man of numbers
62 Field: Lat.
63 Noggins: Fr.

Television

CHANNEL 3 & 6:

Quran
Cartoons
Arabic Series
News in Arabic
Science and Life
Feature Film

CHANNEL 6:

7.30 News in Hebrew
7.45 Varieties
8.30 Long day's journey
into night
10.00 News in English
10.15 Cont' of Long day's
journey

Amman Airport

DEPARTURE:

7.20 Beirut
8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)
9.30 Rome
10.00 Cairo
10.15 Kuwait (K.A.C.)
12.30 Paris
13.00 Kuwait
13.30 Cairo
19.00 Abu Dhabi, Bangkok

Radio

[ON 88.6 KHZ]

7.00 Breakfast show
7.30 News Bulletin
7.45 News Reports
8.00 Sign Off
12.00 Pop session part I
13.00 News Summary
13.03 Pop session part II
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Radio Magazine
14.30 Play of the Week
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy listening.
17.00 Studio one
18.00 News Summary
18.05 Listener's Choice
18.30 Principle Foods
18.45 Music
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 News Reports
19.30 Sign off.

Prayer Times

Fajr 5.01
Sunrise 6.33
Dhur 11.53
Aar 2.47
Maghreb 5.13
Ishaa 6.29

Market Prices

Apples (Double Red) 180—230
Apples (Golden) 140—180
Apples (Starken) 150—190
Beets 40—70
Bell Pepper 50—80
Bananas 140—170
Cabbage 30—50
Carrots (Yellow) 50—90
Carrots (Black) 60—80
Cucumbers (Small) 200—290
Cucumbers (Large) 120—150
Eggplant (Large) 50—75
Eggplant (Small) 100—130
Garlic 50—80
Grapefruit 35—50
Hot Pepper 200—240
Horse Beans 120—170
Lemon 60—100
Marrow (Small) 140—180
Marrow (Large) 80—120
Mandarines 140—200
Onions 100—140
Oranges 50—70
Oranges (French) 70—90
Oranges (Navel) 80—110
Potatoes (Local) 80—110
Potatoes (Imported) 70—90
Potatoes (Sweet) 50—70
Pomalee 90—120
Peas 280—320
String Beans 150—190
Spinach 30—50
Tangerines 50—70

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Palestine (25216)
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Rainbow (37249)
Ahl (21127)
Ahram (36503)

Exchange

Sterling 669—675
D. Mark 128.2—128.6
Swiss Franc 127.3—127.7
Lebanese Pound 135.7—146.6
Iraqi Dinar 900—910
Syrian Pound 85.3—85.9
Egyptian Pound 472—482
Kuwaiti Dinar 1110.6—1120.3
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U.S.-Turkey arms sales deadlock

ANKARA, Feb. 4 (AFP). — Committee recommended in January that the U.S. embargo on weapons for Turkey be maintained unless Turkish forces withdraw their U.S.-made arms from Cyprus—the only kind the Turkish army is equipped with.

A second condition set by the committee was that there should be substantial progress in Turkey's negotiations with Greece. Progress depends on the Greeks as well as the Turks, the latter point out. They told Mr. Leber that the Senate conditions were "ill-advised, inopportune and inappropriate," the source said.

The German source said Mr. Leber advised Turkish leaders to show the world they wished to reach a reasonable settlement over Cyprus with Greece. The mass circulation Turkish newspaper Hurriyet reported today that U.S. and Turkish talks on the future of American bases in Turkey have hit

The talks in Ankara have bogged down over the size of the financial guarantee demanded by Turkey for the reopening of the American bases, placed under Turkish control last July, Hurriyet said. Turkey is reportedly asking for \$1,500 millions credit for its arms purchases over a three-year period while the U.S. wants to keep the aid below \$1,000 million spread over five years.

Unless the two sides reach agreement, the visit to Washington on February 11 of Turkish Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil will have no particular significance, Hurriyet added.

Turkey took over the American bases after the U.S. House of Representatives refused partially to lift the U.S. arms embargo on Turkey. West German Defence Minister Georg Leber yesterday criticized the U.S. Senate saying it endangered NATO security by tying military aid for Turkey to progress in talks on the Cyprus situation.

In an interview published by the Munich newspaper Sued-Deutsche Zeitung, Mr. Leber, called the Senate's attitude "stupid and dangerous."

The West German defence chief said there were apparently some politicians in Washington "who cannot see any farther than Pennsylvania" and who do not know that "the United States also has a lot to lose in pursuing such a foolish policy."

West German Defense Minister Georg Leber tried to soothe Turkish irritation over U.S. Senate conditions for resuming U.S. military aid during his stay here on Sunday through yesterday, a German diplomatic source said.

The Senate Foreign Relations

Baroody on Moynihan: He'll be happier at Harvard

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 4, (R). — U.S. Ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan's decision to resign was in part the result of the cumulative criticisms of other delegates, the doyen of the U.N. diplomat corps said today.

Saudi Arabian Ambassador Jamil Baroody, who has been with the world body since its inception, told Reuters he felt this was a factor.

Mr. Baroody himself rebuked Mr. Moynihan in the Security Council last Thursday for the American delegate's frequent criticisms of other nation's systems of government.

The Saudi delegate, who was asked by a Reuters correspondent for his reaction to the resignation, said he thought Mr. Moynihan would be happier at Harvard. He would also be a better political science teacher, Mr. Baroody said, because now he would have the benefit of political practice, not just theory.

Bank statement

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breakaway Army of Arab Lebanon has offered to rejoin Lebanese regular forces in exchange for a promise that no action is taken against the mutineers and a programme of reforms undertaken, according to a statement published by a newspaper today.

The statement from the group, published in the daily Al Moharrer, declared: "The rights of the soldiers who rallied to the Army of Arab Lebanon must be guaranteed by the creation of a special body to examine their case."

The army of Arab Lebanon was formed last month by 33-year-old Lieutenant Ahmed Khatib, who rebelled against his superiors in the Lebanese Army, accusing them of bias towards conservative forces in the Lebanese civil war.

U.S. and Concorde

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ly attacked by congressional opponents of the 1,350 mph airliner and environmentalists, who said they would try to block it in the courts.

Mr. Coleman announced he had asked for negotiations between the U.S., France and Britain for an accord within the next three months setting up a system of surveillance to measure the ozone level in the stratosphere. The data obtained would be published every six months.

Mr. Coleman also ordered the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to set up surveillance of noise and pollution levels from Concorde at Dulles and Kennedy airports. The FAA is to send Mr. Coleman a monthly report on the information, which will be published 10 days after receipt.

New York City fire kills 10 people

NEW YORK, Feb. 4, (AFP). — Eight children and two adults died here last night when a fire spread with lightning speed through plumbing conduits of a dilapidated apartment building.

Most of the victims were asphyxiated by smoke while sleeping.

All the children were believed to be members of the same family. Thirty other families were driven out in below-freezing temperature when the blaze destroyed the building, in 94th street on the west side of Manhattan Island.

Afars and Issas

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the children would be shot and their throats cut, ordered the attack on the bus at 5 p.m. local time.

Covered by scout cars and sharpshooters flown in specially from France, two platoons of legionnaires charged the bus which was parked just 25 metres from the Somali border.

Five of the gunmen, members of the militant Front for the Liberation of the Somali Coast (FLCS), were immediately shot dead. A sixth managed to take cover and opened fire, but was quickly cut down.

The FLCS guerrillas had demanded unconditional independence for the territory and the release of all political prisoners.

Mr. Stim said, "after the shooting, the gendarmes came under fire from Somalia. To protect the children and rescue them, the Legion and the gendarmes went into action."

As the wounded were taken to hospital in Djibouti, 17 kilometres from the scene of the shooting, the French authorities imposed a dusk to dawn curfew.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

● NAPLES. — An Italian-born American who disappeared after being sentenced in the United States to nearly 100 years' imprisonment has been found in a Naples prison. The man, Joseph La Mattina, aged 48, was jailed here last December.

In 1972, in Massachusetts, he was sentenced to jail terms totalling nearly a century for peddling stolen bonds. Shortly after sentencing, he disappeared. He returned to Italy and for the past four years has been living in Naples under a false name. He was arrested in December with three other persons for attempted larceny and association with criminals.

● KARACHI. — Prostitutes in Pakistan have been ordered by the government to keep proper records of their earnings by obtaining the names and addresses of their clients and issuing receipts. Government officials said it was part of a drive to recover money owed by tax-evaders.

● STOCKHOLM. — Swedish film maker and director Ingmar Bergman, who is being investigated by income tax officials on suspicion of fraud, entered Karolinska Hospital here Tuesday with a nervous breakdown. Mr. Bergman was taken into police custody Friday and questioned for five hours on suspicion of failing to report 500,000 kronors (113,000 dollars) in income from 1970 to 1974.

London police

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"If the Soviet revisionists are allowed to run amuck and succeed in their plot it is hard to avoid the emergence of a second or even a third Angola," the editorial said.

It likened the Soviet Union to South African, saying: "Messrs Soviet revisionists... both you and the South African racist regime are the deadly enemy of the Angolan and African people."



AVID EARS. — Israel's Yitzhak Rabin finds an attentive audience at a Beverly Hills "Salute to Israel" party. Rabin is seen with Mrs. James Stewart (left) and Mrs. Charlton Heston (right).

Waldheim starts New Zealand visit

WELLINGTON, Feb. 4, (AFP). — The United Nations Secretary General Dr Kurt Waldheim began an official three-day visit to New Zealand today with talks with Prime Minister Robert Muldoon.

He later attended a reception given by Minister of State Sir Keith Holyoake.

Mr. Waldheim will have formal talks with Holyoake and foreign affairs officials for two hours tomorrow and later address a New Zealand Press Club luncheon.

King Hussein issues decrees

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evening to discuss parliamentary elections and their taking place in the light of the Council's previous decision of March 16, 1975.

After the decrees were issued, Parliament announced it would hold sessions of both houses on Thursday morning.

His Majesty King Hussein also met Wednesday noon at the Royal Hashemite Court with members of both the Lower and Upper Houses of Parliament.

His Majesty praised West Bankers' resistance to Israeli occupation, especially their abiding by the Jordanian rule of law. His Majesty reiterated Jordan's support of those under Israeli occupation, a support he said will continue until liberation is achieved.

His Majesty said that we did not hold elections in order to support our brothers in the occupied territories in their stand opposing Israeli plans.

If elections were held, Israel would have taken the opportunity to change laws and regulations and to change the whole situation then.

We do not accept to participate in preparing the climate for Israel to go on with these steps, the King said.

He announced that a great step awaits the relation between Syria and Jordan and, it will be a preparation for a larger one in the Arab World.

We are proud, the King said, of steps already implemented which should be copied by other Arab countries as an example to be followed in the field of Arab unity.

On Lebanon, His Majesty was satisfied with the return to normal life in that country, which has escaped attempts not only to dislocate Lebanon itself, but also Arab unity.

Israel, he said, is feeling isolated following the increasing international support which the Arab cause is rallying.

A noticeable change has occurred, he added, even in the U.S. itself. This wind of change has culminated in the international recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people.

Denktash: Turkish Cypriot ready to resume talks

NICOSIA, Feb. 4, (AFP). — Mr. Denktash said today that he has given his consent for the resumption of intercommunity talks in Vienna February 17 in response to the appeal made last week by United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

He said he hoped the Greek Cypriot side would also respond positively.

Mr. Denktash said negotiations should be "within the framework" of principles agreed on in by the Turkish and Greek Ministers. He said the Turkish side was ready to negotiate territorial question considered the most aspect of the problem within the framework "global solution."

Mr. Denktash will go to Ankara on Sunday for talks with Turkish Premier Demirel and Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil.

Mr. Denktash accused the Greek side of being "inflexible" for the delay in negotiations and of never made "realistic proposals."

Meanwhile in Ankara, Caglayangil said today Greeks were "trying to age" he intercommunity. Speaking at a press conference at the airport he left for a visit to Caglayangil said that the Greek side was trying to make any compromise.

"The Turkish side pre-condition for the and will not accept condition posed by the side," he added.

He said that the Greek side had been adopting the fact that the position discussed at the Vienna talks had already been discussed during talks in Brussels. Greek Foreign Minister Bitsios.

He said that articles appearing in Greece said war is the only solution.

"I don't even want to see what a war would do. But the Greek side understands that its delusions serve no purpose."

Work starts on first stage of Suez Canal expansion

SUEZ, EGYPT, Feb. 4, (R). — Work began today on the first stage of a massive project to deepen and widen the Suez Canal, allowing the passage of 260,000-ton super-tankers.

At a ground breaking ceremony here at the southern end of the 100-mile waterway, representatives of the Tokyo-based Penta Ocean Construction Company said the first stage should be completed in three years.

Estimated to cost about 66 million Egyptian pounds (about the same sterling), the first phase of the extension programme would allow the transit through the canal of 150,000-ton tankers fully loaded, company President Tesutaro Mizume said.

The Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority, Mr. Mashour Ahmed Mashour, said 6,291 ships had used the canal since it reopened last June. Last month, 1,167 ships passed through the waterway.

The average of 29 ships a day since the reopening is just under half the average daily traffic before the waterway's closure by the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Last month's average daily traffic was 59.

A canal authority spokesman said in Port Said today that a record 56 ships went through the canal today.

Navigation in the canal was stopped yesterday by a violent sandstorm.

The meeting was attended by Premier Zaid Rifai, Mr. Bahjat Talhoumi, Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament and Mr. Mudar Badran Chief of the Royal Court.

Several of the parliamentarians afterwards praised His Majesty's policies, which have put Jordan on the path of progress.

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